

REPLACEMENT CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A method of correcting a deformity by performing an osteotomy in a bone at an osteotomy site using a bone plate, the method comprising the steps of:

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(a) resecting the bone from a first side of the bone to a second side of the bone so as to leave a bony hinge on the second side;

(b) opening the resection to a depth at which the deformity is corrected;

(c) placing the bone plate in a location such that the bone plate spans the open resection; and

(d) packing the resection with prepackaged graft material provided in three sections, including two larger outer pieces and a smaller inner piece, by inserting the smaller inner piece behind the bone plate, and inserting the two larger outer pieces on either side of the smaller inner piece within the resection.

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3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the two larger outer pieces have outer surfaces formed of cortical bone.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of inserting the smaller inner piece takes place prior to placing the bone plate.